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SUBJECT: ZANU REP OBJECTS TO U.S. DISCUSSION OF ZIMBABWE
- WITH SOVIETS

REF: CAIRO 6678

1. ZANU CAIRO REP A. H. MOMBESHORA URGENTLY REQUESTED
APPOINTMENT WITH POLOFF APRIL 11. MOMBESHORA STATED
HE HAD HEARD RADIO REPORTS TO EFFECT SECRETARY INTENDS
DISCUSS ZIMBABWE, AMONG OTHER SUBJECTS, IN UPCOMING
MOSCOW TALKS. MOMBESHORA CLAIMED "ALL" ZIMBABWE GROUPS
OPPOSE ANY SOVIET INVOLVEMENT AND HE URGED SUBJECT
NOT BE INCLUDED IN BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS. SAID ZANU,
IN PARTICULAR, CONCERNED THAT RUSSIAN INTRODUCTION,
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IN ANY FORM, COULD RESULT IN "ANGOLAN OUTCOME." ZANU,
HE SAID, WISHES WIN INDEPENDENCE BY ITSELF, EITHER BY
POLITICAL OR MILITARY MEANS, REGARDLESS OF TIME REQUIRED.

2. MOMBESHORA ADMITTED MOST ZANU ARMS ARE OF SOVIET
ORIGIN BUT CLAIMED THESE RECEIVED FROM OAU MEMBERS AND
NOT RPT NOT FROM SOVIETS. STATED ZANU HAS NO DIRECT

LINK WITH MOSCOW, NOR DOES IT INTEND TO ESTABLISH ONE.
IF NECESSARY, HE SAID ZANU WOULD SEEK NON-SOVIET
ORIGIN WEAPONS FROM (UNNAMED) STATE(S) WITH NO POLIT-
ICAL OR MILITARY AMBITIONS IN AFRICA. CONCLUDED ZANU
SUPPORTS US/UK INITIATIVE AND FEELS THIS SHOULD BE
PURSUED WITHOUT SOVIET CONNECTION.

3. COMMENT: MOMBESHORA RELUCTANTLY ADMITTED HE MAKING
PITCH WITHOUT FORMAL INSTRUCTIONS. NEVERTHELESS, CLAIMED
THAT AS SENIOR MEMBER ZANU LEADERSHIP HE "KNEW" ATTITUDE
OF ORGANIZATION AND HAD BEEN GIVEN CONSIDERABLE
LATITUDE TO MAKE "DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIONS." WE DO
NOT KNOW HOW ACCURATELY MOMBESHORA REFLECTS HIS ORGAN-
IZATION'S VIEWS AND REPORT ABOVE FOR WHAT IT MAY BE WORTH
TO THOSE MORE VERSED THAN WE IN ZIMBABWE AFFAIRS. EILTS

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